

GOVERNOR (1977-1985 : MATHESON) [446]

MX MISSILE RECORDS, 1976-1983.

2 cu. ft. and pending microfilm reels

DESCRIPTION: This series contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, petitions, reports, publications, speeches, statements, and testimonies regarding the possible basing of the MX ("Missile Experimental") system in Utah. The records reflect the interaction of constituents and federal and state governmental officials in the development of a policy which would accommodate the Carter and Reagan administrations, as well as continue to provide for the safety of Utah citizens. Records in this series were received and retained by Governor Matheson's office.

The possibility of basing the missile system in Utah created so much constituent and state governmental concern that the MX Coordination Office was created in 1979 with a mission of planning for anticipated economic, social, and environmental impacts that the MX system might cause if based and deployed in Utah. The MX Coordination Office was organized by Kent Briggs (Utah State Planning Coordinator and member of Matheson's office staff), funded by the Four Corners Regional Commission, and directed by Ken Olson. The interstate (Utah-Nevada) MX Task Force had been organized earlier, comprised of members of state agencies and local governments most likely to be affected by the MX system. Much of the correspondence in this series relates to the MX Task Force and the MX Coordination Office. It is assumed, however, that the records in this collection were retained by members of the Governor's staff linked to, but not within, the MX Coordination Office.

ARRANGEMENT: This series is arranged alphabetically by document type; thereunder, if applicable, alphabetically by subject; thereunder chronologically by day.

RELATED RECORDS: Researchers may wish to consult the records of Agency 685, UTAH MX COORDINATION OFFICE, and Agency 686, MX MISSILE POLICY BOARD, for

in-depth information on the MX missile system and Utah's response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the Department of Defense. See also Series 11927, MX REFERENCE RECORDS. Within Governor Matheson's records, researchers may wish to consult Series 4455, SPEECHES, for copies of various speeches and statements that Matheson made regarding the MX system. See also Series 4530, FEDERAL CORRESPONDENCE, for additional materials regarding federal-state interactions during this time.

PROCESSING NOTE: This series will be microfilmed and the hard copy will be kept because of the intrinsic value of the papers. It was processed by Kira Robertson in July 2001.

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CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Box	Folder	Description
pending	1	1	Agency briefing materials; 1982
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